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- On 9 March 1953, a document check of arriving passengers was carried out at Gdansk (Danzig) railway station by the militia and a number of UB (Security Police) officials. One of the passengers, on being asked by one of the militiamen and a UB official to show his documents, drew a pistol and fatally shot the militiaman. The UB official returned the fire, wounding the passenger, who, however, succeeded in killing the official as well.
- At the sound of the shots two militiamen ran to the spot. They were encountered by four other passengers, who shot at the UB men and then disappeared into the crowd. Meanwhile, the wounded passenger committed suicide by shooting himself. A female passenger was also killed during the incident.
- A slightly different version of the story says that when the first passenger was challenged, he shot into the air, whereupon four other passengers who were near shot and killed the UB officials, after which all five succeeded in making their escape.
- In connection with the incident the militia carried out a strict control of documents on the Gdansk-Gdynia highway. [redacted] while a control of documents of pedestrians was being carried out the next day, 10 March, at Orlewo, a man who was stopped in company of a woman shot and killed the militiaman, after which the couple ran away.
- [redacted] document checks of passengers were being carried out at stations along the route and that at Poznan there was also a baggage search.

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- An entirely independent account of the incidents described above runs as follows:

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On the night of 8 or 9 March an unknown man arrived at a private apartment of a militiaman living at Obluze, in the northern part of Gdynia, to carry out a death sentence passed by an unspecified Polish underground organization on a Party activist who lived as a sub-tenant of the militiaman. The victim was duly killed and the perpetrator escaped.

7. The next day, the militia started a document check. A militiaman approached passengers waiting for a bus near Oksywie (which is not far from Obluze) and a man who was accompanied by a woman, on being asked for his documents, pulled a gun and killed the policeman, after which he and his companion escaped in the direction of Gdynia. Witnesses of the incident gave a detailed description of the killer and his companion to the militia, who, assisted by the UB, started a search for the killer. The remainder of the story tallies with the version given in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
8. Following the incident, all militia and UB functionaries, as well as Polish naval officers who used to sub-let rooms in their flats, were ordered to give immediate notice to their sub-tenants and were forbidden to accept any new ones in the future.
9. It is said that since the incident the Obluze water pumping station has been constantly manned by a strong militia guard, and that this has some connection with the shootings.

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